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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. WE DO NOT FIND THE FS 258 FROM THE CONSULAR SECTION FOR JANUARY IN OUR FILES. PLEASE GIVE US IN THIS CHANNEL THE JAN, FEB AND MARCH MONTHLY TOTALS FOR EMIGRANTS PROCESSED, PLUS THE FIGURES FOR JEWS PROCESSED EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS. ALSO, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD GO BACK TO REPORTING THE US JEWISH FIGURE AT THE END OF THE MONTHLY ISRAELI REPORT.

2. YOUR 5173 ON JOE HIT US AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE NEWS THAT TOM SIMONS IS VERY INTERESTED IN JOE AS THE POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF IN BUCHAREST, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE CURTAILING HIS TOUR SO THAT HE COULD START LANGUAGE TRAINING THIS FALL. OUR INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT THIS WOULD LOOK LIKE PULLING HIM OUT UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESSURE, BUT ON REFLECTION IT OCCURS THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE BEST WAY OF ENSURING HIM ANOTHER CRACK AT A SOVIET ASSIGNMENT IN THE FUTURE. IN ANY CASE YOU MAY WISH TO FLOAT THE IDEA WITH JOE IF TOM HASN'T DONE SO ALREADY. INCIDENTALLY, HOW GOES THE PROGRAM TO SHIFT THE LOCUS OF ACTION WITH THE DISSIDENTS AND REMOVE THE FOCUS FROM JOE?

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